



*As we approach the halfway mark
for the 110th Congress,
I wanted to share with you
some of my efforts
on your behalf in the U.S. Senate.*

Expanding Child Care Opportunities

My bill to encourage small businesses to work together to provide access to affordable, quality child care for employees was signed into law this year. It creates a short-term, flexible grant program to enable small businesses to join together and receive grants up to \$500,000 for start-up costs, training, scholarships, or other related child care activities. Now small businesses will have creative opportunities to give employees new child care options.

Leading the charge for research and jobs

Working with Governor Sebelius, the Kansas Bioscience Authority and other leaders, I have led the charge to bring the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF) to Kansas. And there's good news to report: this summer, Kansas was selected as one of five finalists for this lab. If Kansas is selected, the facility is estimated to have a \$3.5 billion impact on the Kansas economy, creating as many as 500 high-paying, scientific federal jobs, enhancing Kansas' life sciences corridor that is anchored by major employers in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Community Development in Eastern Wyandotte County

I have been proud to work with City Vision Ministries to revitalize housing on the eastern side of Wyandotte County. I secured \$500,000 to provide sewers, water lines and other critical infrastructure to City Vision's Mission Cliffs community at 39th and Thompson in the Rosedale neighborhood. This summer, we dedicated the new neighborhood, highlighting the success of public-private partnerships for our communities.

Listening to Teachers

I met with 20 area school superintendents to discuss with those on the front lines what improvements need to be made to No Child Left Behind (NCLB). We agreed that the goals of NCLB are admirable and we should continue to strive for closing the achievement gap. However, we also agreed that there are several improvements that must be made in order to give schools the flexibility to reach these important goals – and that is my focus as Congress works on a new version of the law.



Advancing children's health care

I strongly support efforts to strengthen and improve the children's health insurance program, which would provide an estimated 4 million low-income children with health care coverage they need and deserve.

Promoting small businesses

I supported a new law to couple an increase in the minimum wage with tax relief for small businesses. This was the right blend of measures to address the needs of employees while helping to ensure that Kansas' businesses continue to grow.

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